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FOOD ASSISTANCE LOTTERY/GAMBLING WINNINGS

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DEPARTMENT POLICY

FAP ONLY

All FAP groups, no matter if they have an asset test, must report when they receive substantial lottery or gambling winnings within 10 days of the date the group receives the winnings. Substantial lottery or gambling winnings is currently \$3,750 for a single payment. See Glossary regarding definition of substantial lottery or gambling winnings.

When MDHHS learns of a FAP group receiving a single lottery or gambling winning of \$3,750 or more, close the FAP case, giving timely notice for the negative action.

Regaining Eligibility

All FAP groups closed for receiving substantial lottery or gambling winnings remain ineligible until they meet allowable income and asset tests. The next time the group reapplies, they will not be considered categorically eligible. The group's eligibility must be determined under regular FAP rules. It applies only to the first time the group is approved following the loss of eligibility for substantial lottery and gambling winnings. This means SDV groups must have countable assets of less than \$3,750 and all other groups must have assets less than \$2,500. Also, the group must have net income of less than the monthly net income limit, see RFT 250. This applies only to the first time the group is certified following the loss of eligibility for substantial lottery winnings.

Legal Base

7 CFR 273.8 and 273.9 7CFR 273.12(a)(5)(iii)(G) and 273.12(a)(2) Agricultural Act of 2014, Section 4009